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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The most recent unfunded liability for the 5
3 State-funded pension systems is \$111 billion and growing, which
4 is the second largest in the nation; and

5 WHEREAS, Chronic underfunding of the State pension systems
6 is the primary reason for their extreme unfunded liability and
7 the corresponding excessive annual contributions associated
8 with that liability, which are required to stabilize the
9 State's pension plans; and

10 WHEREAS, Increased pension costs due to underfunding are
11 crowding out other essential State spending, such as education
12 and human services; and

13 WHEREAS, In FY 2016, approximately \$6.7 billion in general
14 revenue is required to go toward the State's pension payments,
15 which is approximately 21% of the entire general revenue
16 available for budgeting purposes; and

17 WHEREAS, Public Act 94-4 further exacerbated the State's
18 underfunding of its pension systems by taking "pension
19 holidays" in FY 2006 and FY 2007; and

20 WHEREAS, It is important for the General Assembly to

1 understand the short and long-term impact that pension holidays
2 have on the sustainability of a pension system; therefore, be
3 it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 urge the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois
7 (TRS), the State Universities Retirement System (SURS), the
8 State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois (SERS), the
9 Judges Retirement System (JRS), and the General Assembly
10 Retirement System (GARS) to request that their respective
11 actuaries analyze the short and long-term effect that the
12 pension holidays contained in Public Act 94-4 had on their
13 systems; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we urge TRS, SURS, SERS, JRS, and GARS to
15 include the fiscal impact of these pension holidays in their
16 annual actuarial valuations.